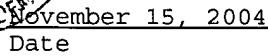


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Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 14, 2004. Applicants petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to that Office Action which concerns the above-identified application. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

A request for payment by credit card of the fee for a one-month extension of time under 1.17(a)(1) accompanies this transmittal.

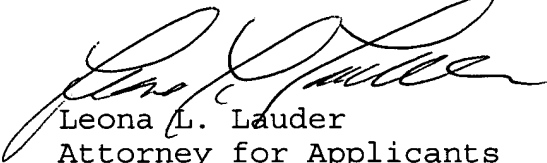
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